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Note verbale dated 13 May 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo and, with reference to paragraph 9 of the said resolution, has the honour to list hereinafter the actions taken by the Government of Egypt to implement the measures imposed by paragraph 20 of Security Council resolution 1493 (2003):

1. The Government of Egypt possesses an advanced integrated system of customs inspections and border monitoring capable of controlling and preventing illegal arms trafficking through Egyptian territories to any destination worldwide.

2. The Egyptian relevant authorities implement standing instructions to inspect all maritime cargo shipments that are suspected of containing illegal arms passing through the Suez Canal to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

3. The Government of Egypt does not grant permission for the transit of arms shipments destined for the Democratic Republic of the Congo through Egyptian airspace or territorial waters.

4. The Egyptian civil aviation authorities operate under standing instructions not to grant permission to any aircraft requesting to fly over Egyptian airspace unless there is a prior submission of the route, aircraft type and registration code, final destination and the contents of its cargo.

5. The Government of Egypt is committed to furnish the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo with all data and information available to its authorities on violations of the measures imposed by paragraph 20 of Security Council resolution 1493 (2003).

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